

What Is Claimed Is:

1. A method of providing indicia on a piece of automotive glass, comprising:
  - a. screen printing the automotive glass with a single layer of material having a thickness to form a coating on the glass,
  - b. laser ablating a portion of the coating using a laser, to provide the indicia on the automotive glass, wherein at least a portion of the thickness of the coating is removed during the laser ablating, and wherein none of the automotive glass is removed or damaged during the laser ablating.
2. The method of claim 1, further comprising firing the automotive glass after the laser ablating.
3. The method of claim 2, further comprising bending the automotive glass after the laser ablating.
4. The method of claim 2, wherein the automotive glass is bent during the firing.
5. The method of claim 1, further comprising bending the automotive glass after the screen printing.
6. The method of claim 1, further comprising bending the automotive glass after the laser ablating.

7. The method of claim 1, wherein the automotive glass includes a periphery and the coating formed during said step 1a comprises a border formed along said periphery of the automotive glass and a laser ablation portion that is ablated during said step 1b.

8. The method of claim 1, wherein subsequent to said step 1b said laser ablation portion comprises a part number for the automotive glass.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein the coating further comprises a logo.

10. The method of claim 1 further comprising screen printing the automotive glass with a second layer of material to form a second coating on the glass.

11. The method of claim 1 wherein the laser is selected from the group consisting of neodymium yttrium aluminum garnet lasers, carbon dioxide lasers, diode lasers, and excimer lasers.

12. The method of claim 10 wherein the laser is a neodymium yttrium aluminum garnet laser.

13. The method of claim 10 wherein the laser is a carbon dioxide laser.

14. The method of claim 1, wherein the indicia comprise a feature selected from the group consisting of a serial number, bar code, patch code, logo, manufacturing information of the automotive glass and combinations thereof.

15. The method of claim 1, wherein the indicia comprise an automobile serial number.

16. The method of claim 1, wherein the coating applied during said step 1a comprises glass frit, pigment, crystal seed powder, and printing medium.

17. The method of claim 16 wherein the crystal seed powder is selected from the group consisting of bismuth silicate, zinc silicate and zinc borate, and combinations thereof.

18. The method of claim 17, wherein the coating applied during said step 1a comprises from about 35 to about 75 weight percent glass frit, from about 5 to about 40 weight percent pigment, from about 10 to about 40 weight percent printing medium, and further comprises up to about 25 weight percent crystal seed powder, and up to about 10 weight percent metal + metal oxide materials,

19. The method of claim 18, wherein the coating applied during said step 1a comprises: from about 40 to about 60 weight percent glass frit, from about 10 to about 35 weight percent pigment, from about 15 to about 40 weight percent printing medium, up to about 25

weight percent crystal seed powder, and up to about 10 weight percent metal + metal oxide materials.